

Design of Fluorescent Wide-Field Microscope



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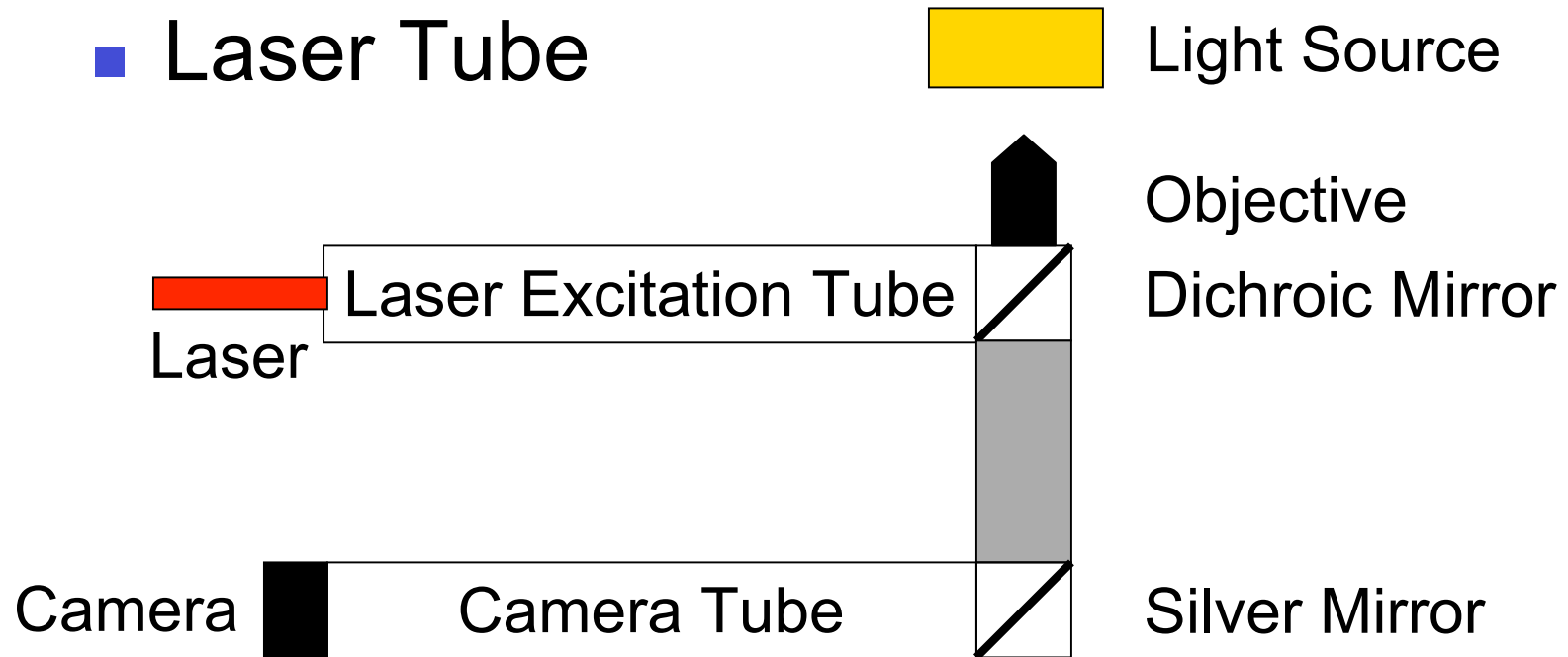
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Parts To Construct

- Mirror Housing / Objective Mount
- Camera Tube
- Laser Tube





Objective Mount

- Multiple different objectives
 - Air based: 10x, 20x, 40x
 - Oil based: 100x
- Use Male to Male connector
- Do not over-tighten



Mirror Housing

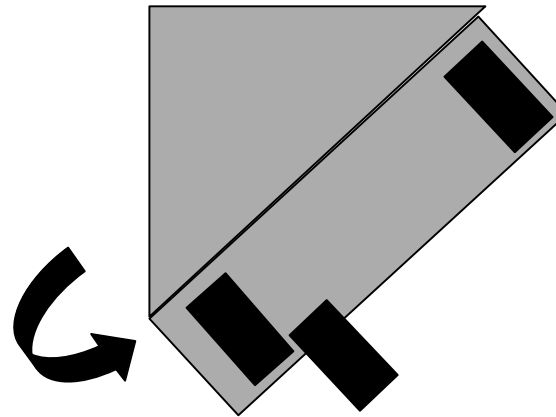
- Supported by large metallic rod
- 2 components of casing
 - Dichroic mirror
 - Silver mirror
- Total Height = 150 mm

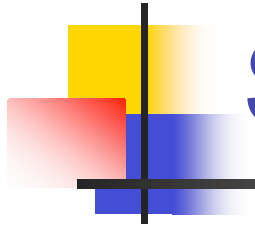


Dichroic Mirror

- Sits in cube directly below objective
- Meant to allow only fluorescence to reach camera
- Adjustable by three pin system, similar to silver mirror

pins swivel mirror





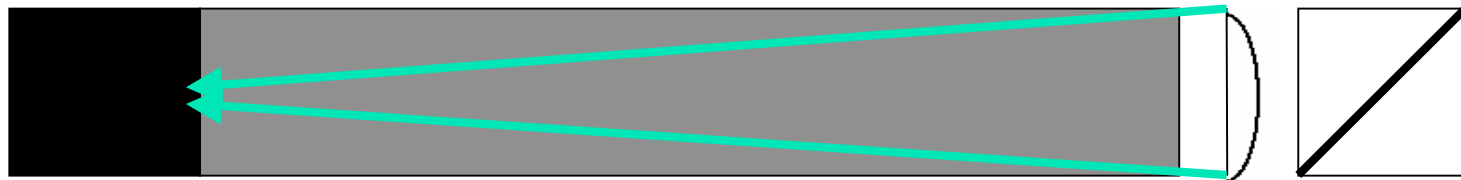
Silver Mirror

- Sits in triangular box at same height as camera
- Positioned by three pin system



Camera Tube

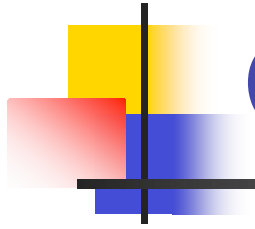
- Components
 - 200 mm lens mount
 - Camera mount
 - Long tubing to camera
- Total Length = 250 mm
- Focus light on 1/2" (diagonal) aperture





200 mm Lens Mount

- Attached to mirror housing, with lens 50 mm away from housing
 - Allows for 200 mm distance total from objective to lens
- Collimated light should face the curved side of lens
 - Decreases errors



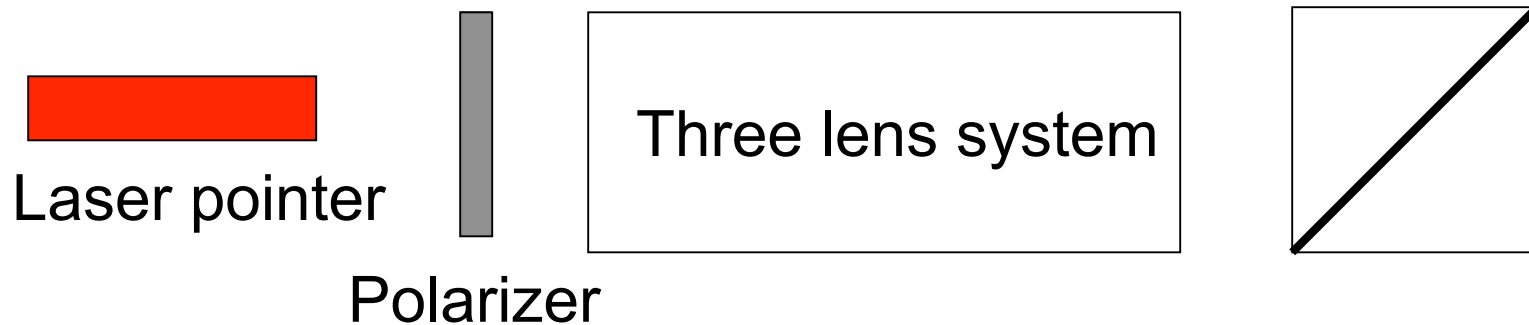
Camera Mount

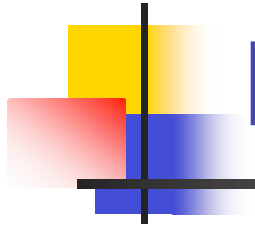
- Quick Connect joint
- Note the recessed location of camera piece within mount
- Approximate location of camera is at the intersection of the two rectangular pieces of the mount



Laser Excitation Tube

- Components
 - Laser source
 - 3 lenses
 - Polarizer

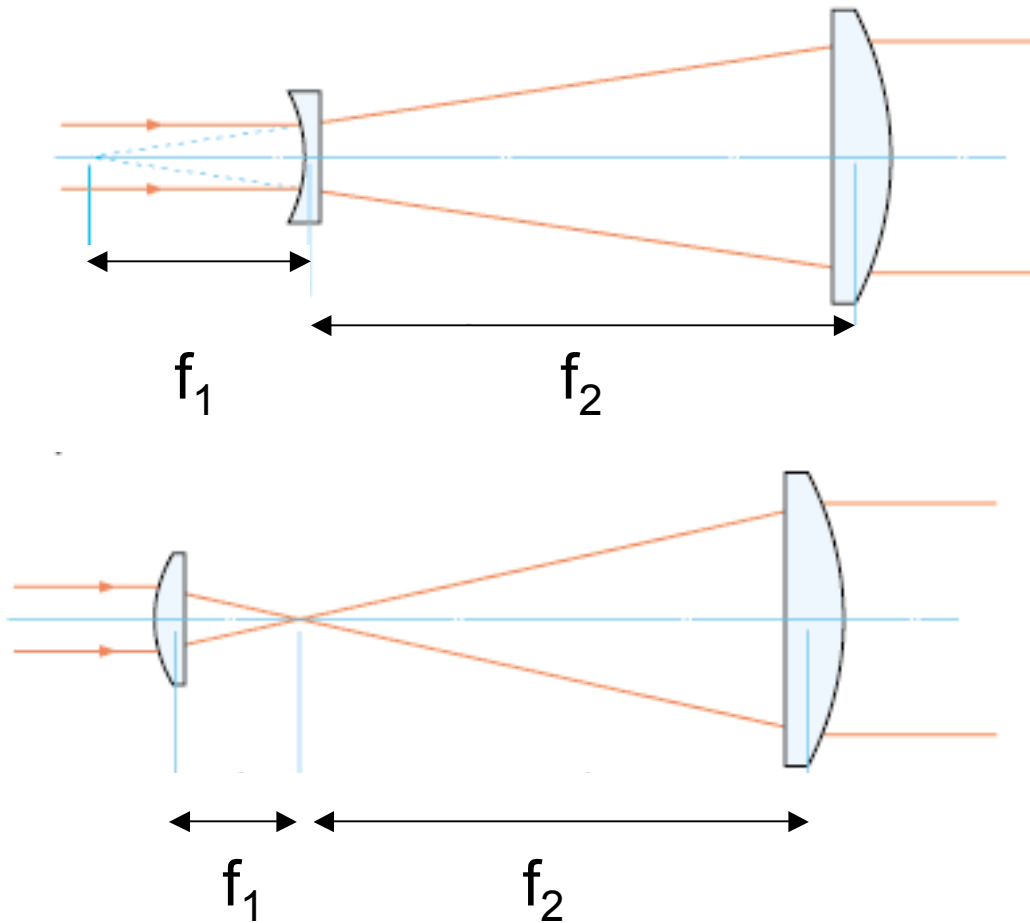


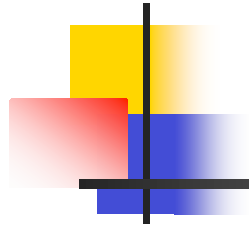


Lens Setup

- First combination: choice of positive-negative or positive-positive lenses
- Curved sides face collimated light
- Serves as beam expander

Beam Expanders





Lens Setup II

- Last lens is positive
- Focal point chosen to match distance to back focal plane
 - Back focal plane is not exactly at end of objective
 - Will need to adjust on the fly to focus correctly



General Assembly

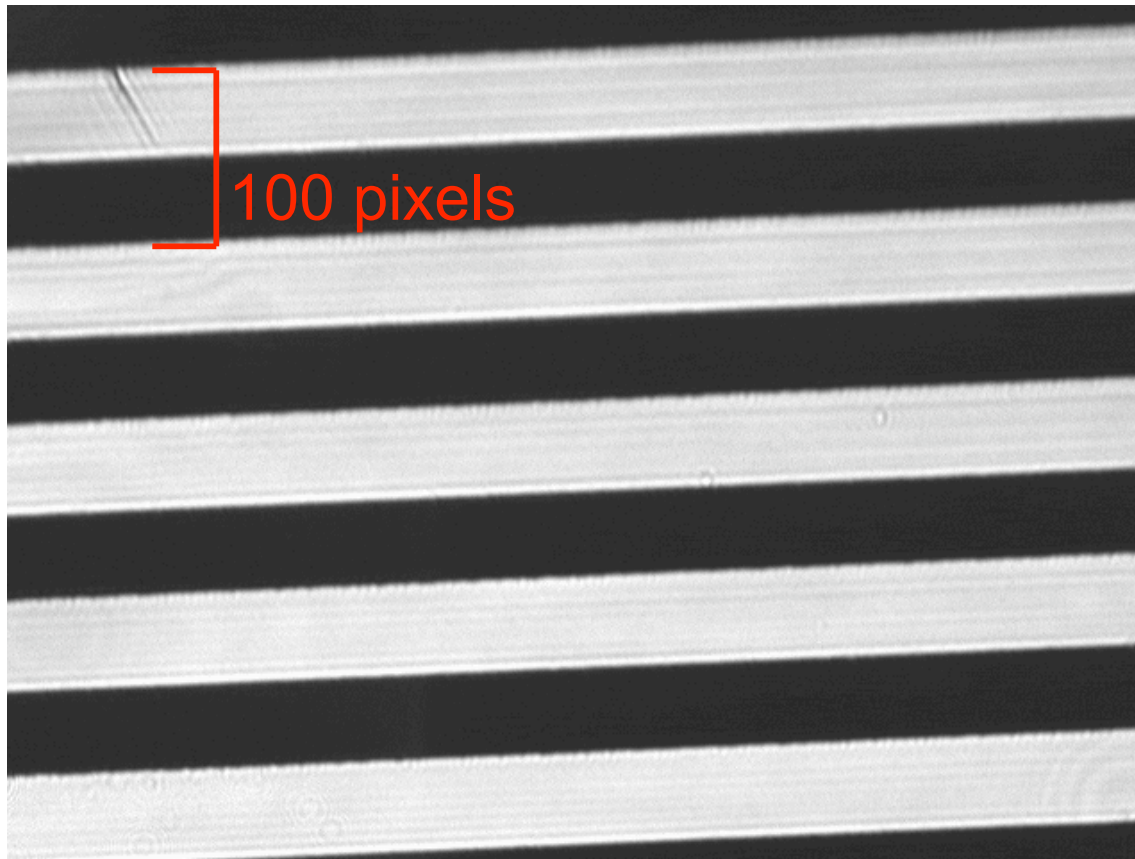
- Assemble Components before connecting to stands
 - Do not build tension into microscope
 - Tighten elements after parts put together



Imaging with Microscope



Verifying Magnification

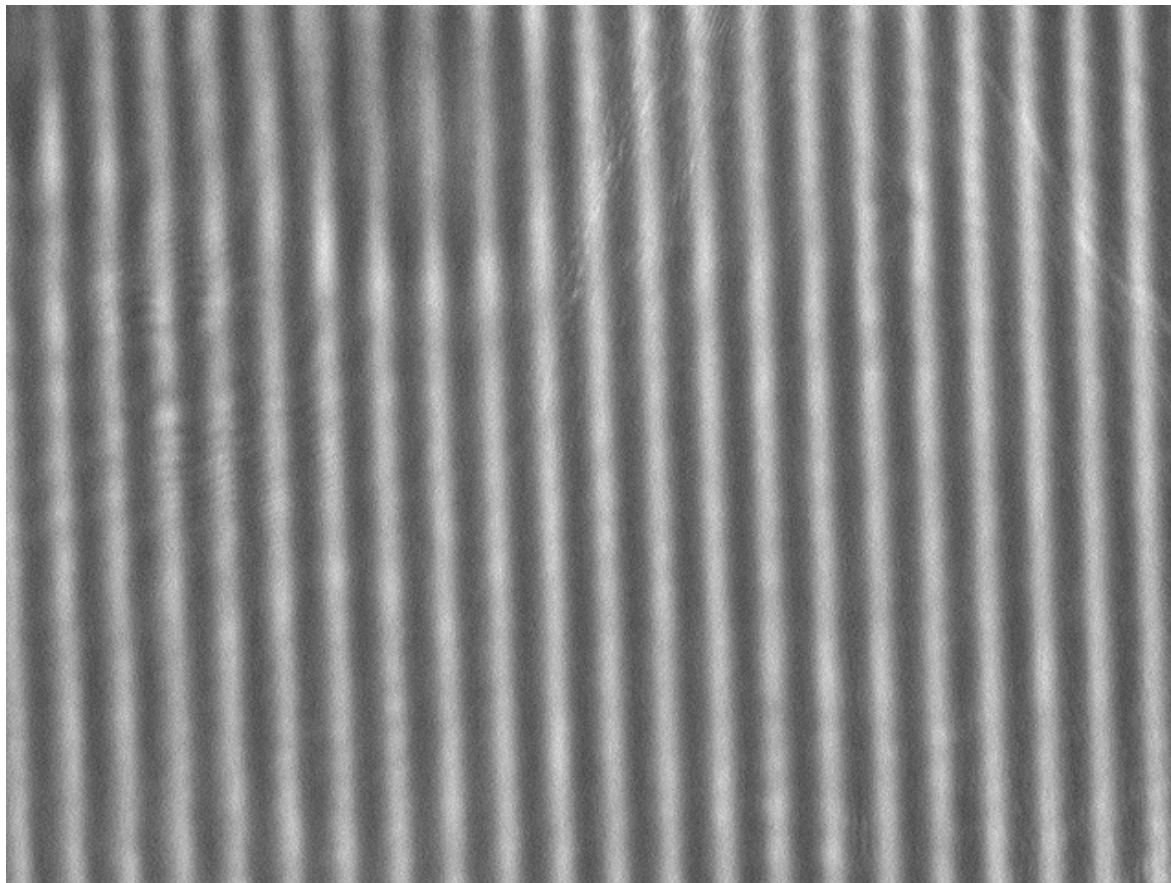


- 1 pixel = $5.6 \mu\text{m}$
- “18” = 18 black/white line pairs per 1 mm



Higher Resolution

600 lines/mm





Questions?
